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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 
  - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
  - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
  - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
 

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
 

pages 1-14 as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

the claims:
 

nos. 1-9 as originally filed/furnished

nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

the drawings:
 

sheets 1/1 as originally filed/furnished

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 

the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_

the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 

the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_

the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4 – 9	YES
	Claims	1 – 3	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5 – 9	YES
	Claims	1 – 4	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 – 9	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1 This report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: DE 100 50 836 A1 (HINZ, AXEL; EGER, HORST) 27  
June 2002 (2002-06-27)

D2: DE 199 52 628 A1 (HINZ, AXEL; EGER, HORST) 10  
May 2001 (2001-05-10)

D3: DE 198 47 232 A1 (CSB-SYSTEM SOFTWARE-  
ENTWICKLUNG &; UNTERNEHMENSBERATUNG AG) 2  
December 1999 (1999-12-02)

D4: DE 198 37 806 C1 (CSB-SYSTEM SOFTWARE-  
ENTWICKLUNG &; UNTERNEHMENSBERATUNG AG) 20  
January 2000 (2000-01-20)

2. Although claims 1 and 2 are drafted as separate independent claims, they seem in fact to relate to the same subject matter, the only apparent difference being in the definition of the subject matter for which protection is sought. The claims are therefore not concise and fail to meet the requirements of PCT Article 6.

3. Irrespective of the aforementioned lack of clarity, the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 3

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is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2), and the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) are therefore not met.

3.1. D1 (the references in parentheses are to D1) discloses a method for the non-invasive determination of the grade, trade value, market value and the quality of a slaughtered animal carcass based on optical image processing (paragraph [0001]), in which method, in the image region in the ham and loin regions with all details, lengths, angles, surfaces, brightness information and/or color information are determined (paragraphs [0001], [0002]), the total weight of a carcass and data from results of cutting tests for fluctuating single-piece yields of non-homogeneous carcasses are determined and included, characterized in that the results data of weight percentages from single-piece yields obtained from cutting tests of a sufficient number of carcasses are correlated with characteristic measured values and parameters determined from the ham and loin region of both halves of a carcass taking into account the total weight, and ratio data is obtained therefrom (paragraph [0007]), and in that during the slaughter operation, a simulation calculation is carried out using the existing ratio data, taking into account the total weight of two corresponding halves of a carcass, and the characteristic measured values and parameters that have been determined specifically in the ham and loin region for said carcass in

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order to estimate the single-piece yields  
(paragraph [0009]).

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3.2. D1 also discloses a method for the non-invasive determination of the grade, trade value, market value and the quality of a slaughtered animal carcass based on optical image processing (paragraph [0001]), in which method, in the image region in the ham and loin regions with all details, lengths, angles, surfaces, brightness information and/or color information are determined (paragraphs [0001], [0002]), the total weight of a carcass and data from results of cutting tests for fluctuating single-piece yields of non-homogeneous carcasses are determined and included, characterized in that the results data of weight percentages from single-piece yields obtained from cutting tests of a sufficient number of carcasses are correlated with characteristic measured values and parameters determined from the ham and loin region of both halves of a carcass, and ratio data is obtained therefrom (paragraph [0007]), and in that during the slaughter operation, a simulation calculation is carried out using the existing ratio data of a carcass and the characteristic measured values and parameters that have been determined specifically in the ham and loin region for said carcass in order to estimate the single-piece yields (paragraph [0012]).

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The subject matter of claim 2 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

D2 also discloses a similar method which also includes the aforementioned features.

4. Claims 3 and 4 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step (see D3, column 4, lines 18-44; figure 1, and D4, page 3, lines 6-31; figure 1).
5. The combination of features in claim 5 is neither known nor obvious from the prior art because the prior art does not include a document in which the weight of the various pieces is determined directly from the measured values of the image analysis.

The subject matter of claim 5 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)) and involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) because this problem has not been previously addressed.

6. Claims 6 to 9 are dependent on the aforementioned claim 5 and therefore also meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.